

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

A relay set (4, 4') for the optical system of a rigid endoscope, ~~said~~the optical system ~~comprising~~including an objective (1) at the distal end, an ocular (5) at the proximal end and between them a relay lens system consisting of several relay sets (2, 3, 4), ~~said~~the relay set (4, 4') consisting of two half sets (4.1, 4.2) having the same lens units (11.1, 12.1, 13.1; 11.2, 12.2 13.2) arranged symmetrically with respect to the ~~centre~~center (10) of the set (4, 4'), each half set (4.1, 4.2) consisting of two positive power lens units (11.1, 13.1; 11.2, 13.2) at the ends and one negative power lens unit (12.1; 12.2) in the middle, is ~~characterised~~characterized in that each half set is of Triplet design.